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Applicant : Antoni P. Tomsia et al.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (once amended) A multilayer article comprising,
a metal substrate,
a first layer comprising an inner and outer surface,
said first layer comprising a glass/hydroxyapatite admixture comprising a glass
composition and hydroxyapatite particles (HA),
said glass composition comprising,

Where is the first layer located in the multilayer?
located in the multilayer?
in the multilayer?
the final layer?